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NEWSBRIEFS

Speakers offered

Representatives from the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau are available to share their talents and expertise with area clubs and organizations as part of their mission to educate El Pasoans about the area and what it has to offer in the way of tourism and convention destination opportunities. Peggy Boone, assistant director of the El Paso CVB said that "Over the years we've received countless requests from area groups wanting to know more about El Paso, who we are and what we do. We're dedicated to keeping El Pasoans up-to-date on attractions and features while creating our own army of El Paso cheerleaders. El Paso tends to take for granted what many visitors travel across the country or around the world to see." Popular topics include the economics of tourism, film-making in the area and marketing. For more information call (915) 534-0692 or (915) 534-0647.

Assistance asked

Do you know who is burned the lumber yard in the west end of El Paso County? Crime Stoppers wants to know. On July 11, about 1:25 a.m., the lumberyard fire at MTS & Warehousing Lumber Yard, 3880 Doniphan resulted in response by firefighters. Two enclosed warehouses suffered extensive damage, and the cause was determined to be arson. Anyone with information is asked to call, with potential reward of \$1000, 566-8477.

In other news

■ Students new to the Canutillo Independent School District and enrolling in one of its six school campuses should stop by the school office to register before the first day of school. Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 9. New student registration at the school campuses is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Documents necessary to register a new student include Social Security card, proof of residence, shot records, and report card or transcript from their previous school, if applicable. For information call 877-7400.

■ The Clint High School Athletic Booster Club will have a meeting on Monday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clint High School Public Library. Persons interested in supporting CHS athletics are encouraged to attend. Also, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, the Booster Club will be painting lion paws in the parking lot behind Clint Stadium. Come help pave the way for a great 2001-2002 school year! For more information call 851-4777.

■ Having problems with your hearing aid? The Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH!) group will meet on Aug. 4, 9 a.m. at the El Paso Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 511 Executive Center in El Paso, to hear Audiologist Matt Lyon, MA, CCC-A, speak and answer questions about hearing aids and how to adjust and care for them. Information: 544-6032.

■ You can be Greek for a week during the 15th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival, Aug. 24-26, at 124 S. Festival in El Paso. Traditional foods and authentic atmosphere from the Greek culture is available during the event. For information call 833-0882 or 505-527-1515 in Las Cruces.

Wise men always know more than they tell, but fools tell more than they know.

— Quips and Quotes

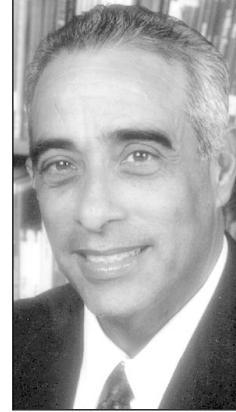
Clint school board seeks \$67 million in bond election

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District trustees voted in favor of adopting an estimated \$67 million bond and maintenance tax election during its regular meeting Tuesday of last week.

"We listened to the community," Clint Superintendent Sylvester Perez said. "We have given many opportunities for citizens to share their opinions with us, and I believe we have a package that represents the public's wishes. Now it is up to the voters.

"Our district currently has a student enrollment of an estimated 8,000," Perez said. "We expect that population to double within the next five years, and with that growing student population will inevitably come more teachers and more staff. So, this bond election is just one of many things our district is working on to accommodate the needs of our students and adequately prepare for the incredible projected growth.

"There's a lot unfolding in our district right



Sylvester Perez

now, and we are very excited about it," he said.

The bond issue projects under consideration include new science and classroom wings, two new elementary schools, a new library for Surratt and upgrade of the Mountain View High School library.

Thomas Lawrence, a financial consultant for the district and president of Lawrence Financial Consulting, said, of the approved \$67 million, that an estimated \$49.5 million has been allocated for the use of constructing, maintaining, enhancing and/or renovating district instructional facilities as needed.

"The remaining \$17.5 million will be used to refinance outstanding lease obligations under Clint ISD if the school board believes it to be financially beneficial to the district," Lawrence said.

A Site-Based Decision-Making Committee consisting of parents, school staff, business representatives and community members, decided on much of the contents in the bond pack-

age. In addition, consultants were used for project sketches and cost estimates, as well as for a community-wide demographic study.

Perez said early voting is scheduled for Sept. 19-Oct. 2 at Clint Junior High School, Desert Hills Elementary School and Montana Vista Elementary School. Voters can also take to the polls from 5 to 9 p.m. Sept. 27 at all Clint ISD campus sites.

Electoral Day is set for October 6.

The superintendent said he is planning to get community members and parents involved with the voting process by organizing several bond package presentations at area schools and soliciting bond package information throughout the community.

"I am very pleased to see the board adopted the election," Clint ISD Deputy Superintendent Ricardo Estrada said. "We are experiencing a lot of growth in our district, and the board is being proactive in trying to prepare us to meet the needs of our district and its students."

"Maybe some of the items under consideration for the bond package will not meet our immediate needs," Estrada said. "But they will definitely push us forward for the next five to 10 years."

El Paso County host over 4,000 educators and enthusiasts in bilingual science event

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — More than 4000 elementary, high school, college and university science teachers from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico will join in the first-ever bilingual science convention next year.

CAST 2002: Science Without Borders or *Scienza Sin Fronteras*, the 46th annual meeting of the Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT), will be held Nov. 7-9, 2002.

Sponsored by STAT, the 2002 Conference for the Advancement of Science Teachers (CAST) is one of the largest conventions El Paso has ever hosted and is expected to generate about \$1 million in economic impact, according to officials of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau.

More than 1000 rooms are booked on peak nights, as well as 40 chartered buses and 30 school buses, for the largest conference in the state by the largest statewide teachers association in the U.S.

Most El Paso County school districts are considering making at least one of the conference days available for staff development so that area teachers may participate in the events.

"The fact that many aspects of this convention will be bilingual has been a tremendous selling point for our participants," said Tim Holt, president-elect of STAT and local CAST coordinator from EPISD Research and Evaluation. Holt and a team of over 25 educators have been working on plans for the conference for 18 months.

Field trips to 75 El Paso area attractions, 100 short courses (half- and full-day training for CEUs) and 300 Civic Center exhibitions round out events. Selected destinations for participants include UTEP, NMSU, McDonald Observatory in Big Bend, Carlsbad Caverns, numerous museums and geological sites, as well as Hueco Tanks, Franklin Mountains, White Sands and Bosque del Apache, among others.

Famous science debunker James Randi, who has been profiled on PBS television's NOVA, will be the keynote speaker. His presentation will be webcast on-line live from the Conven-

tion Center.

Another stellar highlight will be a special historical evening at La Hacienda Restaurant, one of the oldest and most significant sites in the 400-year-old region, and the place where Don Juan de Onate crossed over the Rio Grande from Mexico into what is now the U.S. The parking lot will be tented in to host 3000 to 4000 people with authentic food and music representing El Paso's multicultural heritage. The social event will be free to all conference participants.

"CAST was last held here 21 years ago," said Holt. "We had only 700 people. We've grown tremendously in those two decades to the 4000 projected for CAST 2002. It gives us a chance to really promote and sell El Paso and UTEP to people from three states and two nations. We get to prove first-hand what a great place El Paso is and why it's a terrific city to live and learn."

For more information about CAST, STAT or Science Without Borders, log-on to www.cast2002.org or call the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau at (915) 534-0614.

San Elizario senior spends summer researching her community

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — Lilibeth Flores approached the podium in the Undergraduate Learning Center on the UT El Paso campus last Wednesday and glanced over an audience that included El Paso Mayor Ray Caballero, and State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh.

Flores, a senior at San Elizario High School, wasn't concerned a bit by the distinguished audience to whom she would be presenting the results of her summer research.

Flores was one of 17 area high school students taking part in the Community Scholars program that allows students an opportunity to look into important community issues. Together as part of a three-member team with fellow high school students, Flores performed research in the area of higher education and its impact on the El Paso community.

Flores' summer has not been spent in the usual carefree pursuits youngsters generally engage in between school years. In some respects it has been an extension of her regular classroom work. She has spent most of the summer working as a paid intern, researching her topic and other community issues for 30 hours a week.

Students covered other important topics such as economic development, healthcare, workforce development and highways and parks. Information provided by the Community Scholars website explains further.

"Two key demographics about El Paso are its \$15,000 per capita income and its chronic double-digit unemployment. All research done by the Community Scholars centers on whether strat-

egies used by federal, state, and local entities, including those in the private sector, work to improve or worsen those conditions."

The summer internship concluded in July when the students, like Flores, presented their findings. However, this does not complete their work in the program.

The students follow up by participating in a variety of monthly community service projects such as painting the home of an elderly couple through the Project Bravo paint-a-thon, or throwing a Halloween party for kids at the Salvation Army family shelter.

Students who successfully complete their terms as junior interns are eligible to apply to return the following summer as senior interns.



Lilibeth Flores



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

WEST TEXAS — A perspective is all in how you look at it, right? And everybody has a perspective, depending on where you were born, raised, and what you do for a living.

The rural community of Sierra Blanca, recently a catalyst of environmental concerns due to a New York City sludge dump and a proposed nuclear waste dump site, is a study in perspectives.

The *Courier* was recently sent the following article published in the *New York Times*. Its perspective is worth a good read.

New York's sewage was a Texas town's gold

By Jim Yardley
The New York Times

SIERRA BLANCA, Tex. — There is not much here anymore, if there was ever much of anything to begin with. The town's main street is coated in dust, and the old movie house is long shuttered. The one sign of activity — the traffic moving along elevated Interstate 10 — is a reminder that the modern world rarely stops here.

The other reminder can be found on the outskirts of this tiny town, where freight cars are being unloaded for the last time. The last sludge train from New York City arrived this month, leaving its last shipment of what officials describe as "bio-solids" but what others call treated sewage.

The dump in Sierra Blanca, one of the biggest sludge dumps in the world, is going out of business.

"We've survived before without it, and I'm sure we still will," said James A. Peace, the Hudspeth County judge and the area's highest elected official.

The news came unexpectedly in June and was greeted with a mixed response in this town of 600 people in the vast, empty country about 90 miles southeast of El Paso. For local critics and environmentalists who have fought the sludge operation and recent efforts to build a nuclear waste dump here, it is a long-awaited victory. For others, it is an economic blow, resulting in the loss of 40 jobs and the planned closing of the town's biggest private employer.

"A lot of people are going to be

hunting jobs," said Kay Scarbrough, the county tax assessor, "and there are not any jobs here."

It is hard to imagine places more different than New York and Sierra Blanca, and the contrast has always underscored the mercenary marriage between the nation's largest city and the small town where it has dumped its sewage since 1992. That year, after Congress had prohibited the city from dumping its sludge in the Atlantic Ocean, New York signed contracts with several companies to treat and transport its sewage. One of them was a Long Island joint venture, which began shipping up to 250 tons every day on the 2,065-mile journey to West Texas. *The Texas Observer*, the political journal, recently called it "the poo-poo choo-choo."

The Long Island company, Merco, had first sought a site in Oklahoma, but after meeting resistance there learned about a failed resort called the Mile High Ranch in Sierra Blanca. The company purchased the 81,000-acre area so that the treated sludge could be spread on "application areas" as if it were fertilizer. The company rotates the areas of land chosen to absorb the sludge.

Environmentalists and critics immediately accused Texas officials of ramming the project through approval. They have long argued that the sludge has exposed the area to health risks and other problems. Texas Tech University has studied the

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"I THINK THE PRICE OF GASOLINE HAS COME DOWN ENOUGH THAT WE CAN AFFORD FOR YOU TO CUT THE GRASS..."



Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Return to sender

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Robert Byrd is a living legend in the United States Senate. He is a Democrat from West Virginia who has been in office for 43 years. I have disagreed with him on most issues over the years, but today I salute him for a decision he's made.

Senator Byrd is refusing to accept his tax rebate check from the IRS. He has issued a statement saying, "I am not going to keep it because I have been a critic of the tax cut and am very much opposed to this tax cut." Byrd added that he believes "someone who feels as strongly as I do and has spoken out as strongly as I have" should not keep the rebate.

I salute Senator Byrd for putting his money where his mouth is and standing firm in his conviction. I STRONGLY disagreed with Senator Byrd during the tax cut debate. I voted for the tax cut with enthusiasm. I felt strongly that the federal surplus was a result of the government overtaxing its citizens. Why would the government take more money than it needs?

Throughout the debate I told opponents they would be free to return their checks to the government. Need-

less to say, I didn't have many takers. That's why Senator Byrd's conviction stands out. He must believe in his heart that those rebate checks should stay in government hands. Not only is he sticking with that belief, he's also following-through on it.

Surveys showed that about 40 percent of the American people agreed with Senator Byrd during the tax cut debate. Imagine how much money the government would get to keep if every last opponent of the tax cut returned their check. Wouldn't that please all of those who felt the tax cut was wrong?

This is a great country with great disagreement among its people. Regardless of how you feel about the tax cut, I would hope that we would all stop and think about the freedoms we have to express ourselves and the opportunities that follow to prove our conviction.

For those who favored the tax cut, enjoy your rebate check for whatever suites you. For those who fought the tax cut and would like to follow Senator Byrd's lead, the place to send your check is the U.S. Treasury Department at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Senator Byrd and others opposed in the U.S. Senate will gladly spend your rebate for you.

College student triumphs over cancer, encourages others

SPRING, TEXAS — Nearly half of all Americans, about 40 percent, will be diagnosed with some form of association of cancer and youth is self-dom made.

Lisa Shaw-Brawley was only 24 years old, a journalism student at

True Texas Facts by Roger Moore

August 4, 1941 - W. Lee O'Daniel resigns as Governor to become a Senator.
"Coke" Stevenson replaces him.



Texas A&M University, when she discovered a lump between her neck and collarbone in December of 1995.

Married only two years, she and her husband, Wesley, were visiting her parents in California at the time. Her lifelong family doctor diagnosed her with Hodgkin's disease.

Devastated, she began searching for stories of survival to inspire her in her fight. Now she has set out to inspire others.

In her story of triumph over fear, entitled *Only When I Sleep: My Family's Journey Through Cancer*, she reflects the pain, courage and hope that her husband and family went through in her ordeal of physical and emotional pain while still in her early twenties.

She also confronts the frequently overlooked concerns that cancer raises for young adults — most notably infertility issues, and she and her husband had dreamed of starting a family.

After four months of chemotherapy and a month of radiation, Lisa became thin, bald and very ill, but the strength of her family and the love of her husband gave her a renewed will to live.

Her true moment of triumph came when, after having lived in remission

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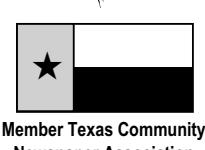
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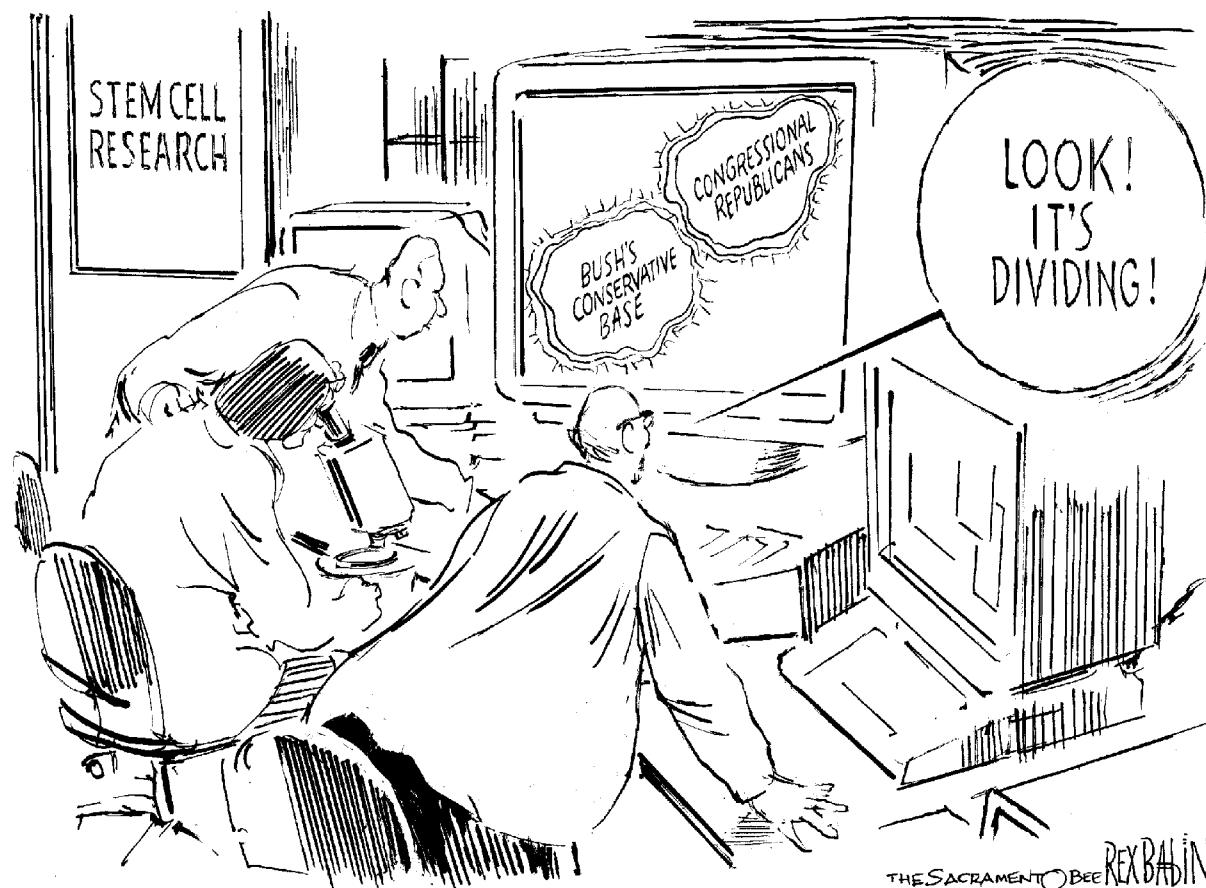
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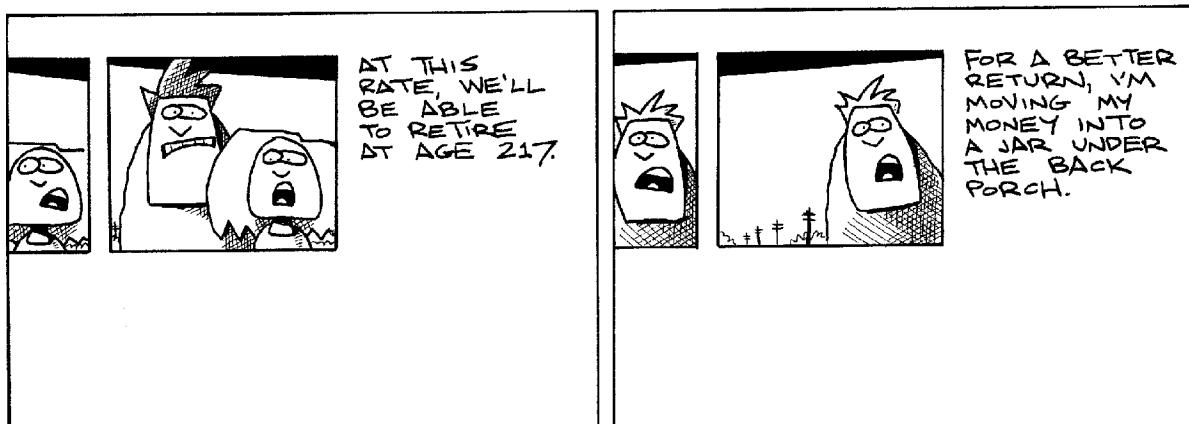


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View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Cat whispering

We've always admired Pest Control's housecat manners. She never steps foot into the kitchen; she stays off the table; the wastebasket full of good smells doesn't tempt her; and she never begs for table scraps. I think she's spoiled us.

I can't say the same for our new cat, Yard Kitty.

Granted, YK never had Pest's advantages. While we know little about Pest's first few years of life, we do know that she was raised to be a housecat. Evidently her first owner knew what she was doing. (I say "she," because Pest is definitely a woman's cat. She has little truck with Pardner, a state of affairs most satisfactory to him.)

I think the most important part of Pest's early training was that somehow she was kept from making that essential connection between "people food" and feline gustatorial pleasure. Pest savvies (in descending order of preference) kitty kibbles, rodents and grasshoppers as food. She pays no attention to meat thawing on the countertop, food left temporarily on the table, or bags full of garbage, simmering in the summer sun. Those things are in her non-food category to the same degree she doesn't bother taste-testing truck tires.

But Yard Kitty has a different definition of food.

Survival of the fittest is the rule for feral cats, and YK — young as she is — survived on her own quite nicely, thank you.

Even before she would come out from under the

bunkhouse and show herself to us, we knew we had a cat around the house, all the way around the outside of the house — and yard. We knew that by the scattered, windblown, spread and chewed trash that we found every morning.

We knew it wasn't the horses, this time. They'll mess with a trash bag occasionally. If I bag the trash in an old dog food sack, it's just too tempting for them to ignore. But when they pull it out of the garbage can, they'll drop it. That scares them silly, and they run off to go play with the automatic waterer.

No, this trashing of the place was pure cat. Once Pardner loaded the trash in the back of the pickup to haul it away, went back to the house for his keys, and returned to find all six bags on the ground and torn open. Fast work, kitty.

After Yard Kitty started making herself at home in the house, she's continued her foraging ways.

Spoiled as I am by Pest, I was shocked when I found a really big, very juicy, really gnawed tomato under the dining room table. When I put it on the windowsill to ripen, it never occurred to me that it might be considered cat food.

I've also been forced into complying with all the food safety directives about thawing frozen meat in the refrigerator. I started that after YK trudged through the living room (on the way to her hidey-hole, I think) towing three pounds of chuck roast, still in its bloody freezer-wrap packaging.

Armed with a squirt bottle of water and a fly swatter, I've taken up cat training. So far, Yard Kitty is wet but winning.

If I ever figure out the tricks of the trade, I plan to get rich by holding three-day cat-whispering clinics for frustrated cat owners.



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Celebrating the development of the Paso al Norte Museum

EL PASO COUNTY — The Smithsonian

Center for Latino Initiative, the University of Texas at El Paso, in cooperation with my office and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus held a reception last week celebrating the development of the Paso al Norte Immigration History Museum.

The establishment of the Paso al Norte Immigration Museum in El Paso, Texas was announced at the reception at the historical Smithsonian Castle in Washington, DC. The idea of locating a national museum of immigration history in El Paso is extremely exciting to me personally. Growing up along the United States-Mexico border helped shape who I am today. My vision for this museum is that it will bring international focus and attention to El Paso. El Paso, after all, has been the Ellis Island of the Southwest and should be recognized for the role it has played in the lives of countless Mexican and other immigrants who have seen El Paso del Norte as a gateway to a better life. Many generations of people have migrated through the pass of the north since prehistoric times. It is critically important that we tell the story of migration; that we share this colorful history with the rest of the country, and the rest of the world. I know that the development of this national museum of Immigration History — the Paso al Norte Museum — is a step in the right direction and I am thrilled that it will be located in El Paso.

Dr. Natalicio, the President of the University of Texas at El Paso and many others have worked hard to make this museum a reality. Dr. Natalicio has been an outstanding advocate for Hispanics as the head of one of the largest Hispanic-Serv-

ing Institutions in the country. The Executive Director of the Paso al Norte Immigration Museum, Marguerite Rivera Houze, has also done outstanding work in helping the museum gain national attention. I am certain that under her direction the museum will be a success.

Last year, I introduced a Resolution which expressed the sense of Congress about the importance of the creation of a national museum of immigration history in El Paso and I am pleased that the development of this museum is a top federal funding priority for UTEP. Here in Washington, I am pushing this issue from every direction. I have asked the appropriators to include \$15 million for the development of the Paso al Norte Museum in the Interior Appropriations bill. I have also drafted legislation for the creation of this museum. This legislation, which includes many of the ideas and recommendations that I received during the Paso al Norte Immigration Museum meeting held in El Paso in March, will allow a great deal of flexibility for the museum. This bill will award a federal grant to the UTEP for the construction of this museum. The University will work closely with the City of El Paso to develop a proposal that meets the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The legislation includes \$15 million to help start the museum and to attract additional monies for the project. I am pushing for the enactment of this important piece of legislation.

The development of a national museum to commemorate our history of migration is important and gives us another opportunity to celebrate the diversity within this great nation. I am pleased by all the work that has already taken place to make this museum a reality and pledge my continued support towards this project.

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2001 during the Planning Commission meeting at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following plats and/or rezonings:

- Proposed rezoning of Tract 4D4F, Block 3 Socorro Grant, 761 Sparks Circle from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial by Daniel Ginithan;
- Proposed rezoning of Tracts 10C, 10D1, 12B and portion of 13A, Block 8 Socorro Grant from A-2, Agricultural to R-3, High Density Residential and C-2, General Commercial by Socorro Partner 1, Ltd.

TERE RODRIGUEZ
Interim City Secretary

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The word yo-yo originated in the Phillipines and means "come back." People in the Phillipines used the yo-yo as both a weapon and as a toy.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:

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V I N - IG3GR47A5FR3652, Olds Cutlass, white, OK-FEA-460
V I N - IP3BJ46D5FC254530, Chrysler, grey
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ticipate in the regional water planning process, and abide by the Bylaws of the Far West Texas WPG. Written nominations (including a resume) must be filed with the Rio Grande Council of Governments at the address below on or before Sept. 6, 2001.

To file nominations or for further information, contact: Ms. Barbara Kauffman, Environmental Services/Special Projects Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 North Stanton, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: 915-533-0998, ext. 121; fax: 915-532-9385.
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Last week the Courier inadvertently ran the 2000-2001 school year Tornillo Independent School District notice. The correct 2001-2002 school year notice for the Tornillo Independent School District notice appears below. The Courier regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2001-2002 SCHOOL MEAL POLICY

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2001-2002. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin.

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NOTICE SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS AT TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Counseling Services, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

Services are provided to identified auditorially and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures. If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Donna Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-764-2366.

AVISO DE PROGRAMAS DE NECESIDADES ESPECIALES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TORNILLO PARA EL ANO 2001-2002

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educativos a niños que son identificados como incapacitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el ter-

cer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), y cuarto de recurso (K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnósticos, servicios de transporte, terapia de habla, servicios de consejería, equipo auxiliar de tecnología, terapia física, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnología. Se provee servicios a niños identificados como incapacitados auditivos y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencialidad y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Pública 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derecho de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse. Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no está recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Donna Smith, Ph.D., Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-764-2366.

NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

1.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnología en Educación de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educación en Tecnología, Ciencia de Salud Tecnología Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnología Educativa (Economía del Hogar), Comercio y Educación Industrial, y Educación de Mercado. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la matriculación actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, género, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmendada.

3.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, género, incapacidad, o edad en sus prácticas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminación a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

4.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

5.) Para mas información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con: Donna Smith, Ph.D., Superintendente, P.O. Box 170, 19190 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 o call (915) 764-2366.

6.) Para información about your rights or grievance procedures, contact: Donna Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent, P.O. Box 170, 19190 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915)-764-2366.

NOTIFICACION DE NO DISCRIMINAR EN LOS PROGRAMAS EDUCATIVOS DE CARRERA Y TECNOLOGIA DE TORNILLO ISD POR EL ANO ESCOLAR DEL 2001-2002

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Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 1608 McMahon in Horizon City on Mondays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 1608 McMahon, Horizon City, sesiones lunes y viernes a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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Canutillo board approves pay raises of half million

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — It was a night of good news and surprises July 24 at the rescheduled meeting of the board of trustees of the Canutillo ISD.

By a unanimous vote after lengthy discussion, the board approved more than half-a-million dollars in pay increases for its teachers, librarians and nurses.

Superintendent Charles Hart initiated an "Exemplary Employees" award, presenting plaques to two members of the district staff for their "outstanding contributions" that he considered "above and beyond the call of duty." The surprised employees were Gwen Keefer, executive director for Human Resources; and Alfredo Vasquez, the district's public information officer.

The pay raises amount to

\$596,000, according to comptroller Tony Reza. The pay raise for the teachers, librarians and nurses comes to \$1,000 each at each annual step. Starting salary for CISD teachers is \$30,015. The top end of the salary scale is 27 years where teachers would earn \$47,708. This is a one-time pay increase.

Construction has begun on the new high school band room, reported Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent for operations and plan-

ning. Completion date is set for October. Also, 46 classrooms are being carpeted in Canutillo Middle School and should be ready by the start of school.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the purchase of a nine-passenger bus for handicapped students. The \$63,000 bus would be used for special education students.

- Approved renewal of the district's health insurance contract. Due to an

increase in hospital costs and medications, there will be a 17 percent increase in the employee's premium.

- Approved the awarding of a \$6,217 cabling contract for The Learning Center.

- Approved, as expected, the hiring of Dr. Pam Padilla as head of CISD's Department of Special Programs. She is the former superintendent of the Anthony Independent School District.

El Paso Museum of History dishing up culinary food for thought

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY - The popular question of "what's for dinner?" may be answered West Texas style as the El Paso Museum of History has opened the "Food for Thought" exhibit on the history of food in El Paso, to run through Sept. 30 with a variety of activities along the way.

The exhibit recognizes that agriculture was the mainstay of this region for centuries and still plays an economic role today.

"Food for Thought" explores the food ways of some of the peoples who have lived and are living in El Paso including Native American, Mexican, American, Greek, Jewish and Chinese.

Museum hours are Tuesday

through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays.

Some of the food gathering and processing artifacts on exhibit include a prehistoric mortar and pestle, mano and metate, pottery, baskets; Mexican cookware; a cowboy chuckbox; a still; military hardtack and MRE's (military-issued meals-ready-to-eat); and farm and dairy equipment.

The History Museum will hold a Food Demonstration Day for the public on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. when a functioning chuck wagon — The Calk Wagon with Wayne Calk and Skip Clark — will be on-site, and the public can try their hands at grinding corn, coffee and mesquite beans, making tortillas, churning butter, shelling pecans, peeling apples and making home-

made ice cream. The museum will hold an outdoor Dutch oven adult cooking class on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The participants will cook and consume a meal (including dessert). The cost is \$6.50 per person and reservations are due Sept. 17.

On that same day from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Museum will host 4-H Day when area children will make method demo presentations explaining and demonstrating roping and how to prepare food animals (goats, rabbits, sheep, etc.) for showing.

At this time the museum is still scheduling a chile ristra making class and a presentation by the Diabetes Association.

For more information, call (915) 858-1928 or the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau at (915) 534-0692.

PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT No. 718013

The County of El Paso Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing for the extension of the Agua Dulce Self-help Center TCDP Contract # 718013. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments on the County's proposal and discuss the addition of new activities. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, at 5:30 P.M. at the Agua Dulce Community Center located at 15371 Kentwood, El Paso County, Texas. Comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department at 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite 313, El Paso, Texas 79901 or call 915-543-3845 during normal working hours.

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Opportunity to make a difference in child's life is open at CTWMS

HORIZON — "Today's Child — Tomorrow's Hope," as the saying goes, is the goal of the mentoring program at Carroll T. Welch Middle School in Horizon City during the 2001-2002 school year.

The program is entitled "Making a Difference Mentoring Program."

Mentoring is a one-to-one relationship between an adult and child, which, over time, fosters the development of character and competence in a young person, said Denise Brewster, CTWMS counselor.

"Effective mentors who value their community and their role, will transfer feelings of belonging and optimism about their community to the child with whom they work," she said. "In this one-to-one relationship, the child is given undivided attention and the focus is on

the child and his/her thoughts, feelings, and dreams. This aids in developing the child's sense of importance and self-esteem."

She used as an example Howard Buck, a Horizon City resident who actively participated in the Making A Difference Mentoring Program during the 2000-2001 school year. During weekly meetings and interactions with an assigned child, Buck served as a positive role model instilling a high regard for citizenship and community involvement.

"His unselfish dedication to mentoring has left a lasting impression that will be remembered and cherished throughout that child's life," Brewster said.

Those interested in mentoring can contact Brewster at 852-4744.

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Embarrassing conduct by NBA greats is no good example

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

First, there was the great Wilt Chamberlain, who admitted that he was as much a scoundrel off the basketball court with the ladies as he was on it.

Then, there was Magic Johnson, who said he had thrown as many passes off the court with the ladies as he had on the basketball court.

Now we have the seedy tale coming out of Atlanta from Patrick Ewing and some other current or former New York Knicks that had sexual favors provided for them over the last few years at a strip club.

Seems Ewing and (as far as we know) Larry Johnson, John Starks and Charles Oakley, attended the Gold Club strip joint in Atlanta about 10 times in the late 90's and are being forced to tell all.

Patrick Ewing admitted all this on the stand at a trial involving the club's owner Steve Kaplan and the club's manager Thomas "Ziggy" Sicignano. The two, along with some other upstanding citizens, are charged with several counts of obstruction of justice, credit card fraud and loan sharking...among others.

There is also talk in the trial about the two being involved with the Gambino crime family.

Ewing said that the club's owner would escort him to a room where two or three lovely ladies...would, um...let's just say that unlike during an NBA game, Ewing didn't complain about the close contact, if you know what I mean.

But since Ewing never got charged any money for receiving the services, he didn't feel he was engaging in any prostitution.

It was sad to see Ewing on the stand answering such embarrassing questions but the sad-

der thing was that he didn't look too embarrassed to answer them.

And I bet you were worried that some of those young inner city kids were going to give the NBA a bad name.

Marinermania

Before the baseball season started I wrote about the invasion of the Japanese ballplayer to the American Major Leagues.

Two of the names I mentioned were Ichiro Suzuki and Kazuhiro Sasaki.

I knew they might have an impact on their club, the Seattle Mariners, but I had no clue it would be to this extent.

The Mariners got off to a great start this season but everybody, including yours truly, knew they would cool off eventually. I mean, you don't lose Randy Johnson, Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez and still win baseball games...right?

But the Mariners are still on fire and lead their division by 20 games already with about 60 left to go.

And Ichiromania has taken hold all over the country. This little guy, about 160 pounds, can not only hit a baseball for average and steal a base but he also has the best throwing arm in the game.

Sasaki has come up huge for the Mariners and is among the league leaders in saves.

Is the torch being passed from the New York Yankees to the Seattle Mariners? The Mariners, who are in the running to set a record for wins in a season, still have to show they can win games in September and October.

Whatever happens, you've got to love this team and love these two players, Suzuki and Sasaki, for killing the myth that Japanese players could not compete with Americans. It

makes all the players better.

The Pitts

The college football season is right around the corner and teams all around the country are getting ready for the upcoming season.

And that includes the Pitt Panthers. But the University of Pittsburgh may have to open their season without the services of the country's best returning wide receiver Antonio Bryant.

Is Bryant out with an injury? Is Bryant having trouble in the classroom? No and no. However, he is suffering from a case of monumental stupidity.

Seems Bryant was flying to Pittsburgh from Florida last weekend. The only problem was

that Bryant was using an airline ticket that was bought with a stolen credit card.

Though Bryant did not buy the ticket himself, he was arrested at the airport for being in possession of stolen property.

The owner of the card said she had never heard of Bryant and did not authorize him to use the credit card.

But Bryant does remain consistent. The All-American was suspended twice during spring practice for missing conditioning drills and for fighting with two other players and arguing with a coach. What a nice guy.

Bryant, who could get six months in jail for his stunt, sounds like he'll fit in nicely with NFL life.

Dixon starts Horizon baseball program for T-ball grads

By Francis D. Shrum
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — If you're a young baseball player in Horizon City, you don't have many choices after T-ball if you've hit the age of eight. Until now, that is.

T-ball programs in Horizon have flourished but the next step has been lacking, says John Dixon, volunteer coach and sports enthusiast who has worked both professionally and privately to develop the Horizon City Municipal Park and sports programs for youngsters.

As a result, Dixon is inviting players, both boys and girls, to join a baseball program sponsored by the Horizon City Optimist Club for kids age eight to 10 that he calls "a learning league."

"If kids are taught well they can play in the higher leagues," Dixon said. "They need to understand how to play correctly, the fundamentals of how to throw, run bases, pitch and hit."

But even more important — how to think. And react.

"The mistake kids make most often is not missing the ball," Dixon said. "The mistake is standing there upset afterward."

Sportsmanship on the part of both players and their families will be required, he said.

Dixon said 25 to 30 Horizon area players



John Dixon, Horizon City Building Inspector, leads a second life as volunteer coach and coordinator for youth baseball.

are ready to move up to baseball, and he expects about half to do so. He hopes to form four teams by the kick-off date of Sept. 8.

Registration will be held at the Horizon Vista Food Store on Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 to Aug. 19.

Registration is \$16 per player, and a birth certificate is required to register. The season, beginning Sept. 8, will run for eight weeks, concluding Oct. 27. Practices will begin the week of Aug. 20.

Major League rules, for the most part, will be taught so that players don't have to re-learn the ground rules as they progress, he said.

Games will be played Saturday mornings, with practice at Horizon Heights Elementary and the Horizon City Municipal Park. He said the goal is to eventually raise funds to install fencing and lighting at the Park.

"Uniforms will be provided," Dixon said. "All that is required on the player's part is the enthusiasm to play."

He is also seeking experienced coaches and plate umpires, as well as base coaches who have a philosophy of high standards and sportsmanship.

Team sponsorships from local businesses are also sought.

For information, Dixon can be contacted at 852-9349.

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Privacy concerns

By Don Flood

By now, of course, you have read all 45,000 "privacy" notices that you received in the mail.

(I received notices from companies I never heard of. That really got me wondering: What did they know about me?)

But after receiving so many mailings from so many companies promising to respect our privacy, I think we can all be confident of one thing: WE HAVE NO PRIVACY!

Not that the mailings don't sound reassuring.

They all say things like, "We restrict access to your personal information to only those employees who need to know that information in order to conduct business, and to pizza-delivery personnel that we know and trust. With our safeguards and procedures, you may be assured that only authorized employees know about those disgusting movies you rented at that motel on Nov. 13, 1998."

Let's face it, everything you purchased by credit card is stored in a computer somewhere and so is easily accessible to your average 6-year-old hacker.

This is probably OK, unless you make the mistake of becoming famous and therefore the subject of a future biography, in which case there will be no end to the muck they can dredge up about you.

The following — an exclusive of this column! — is an excerpt from a Biography of the Future:

"On June 22, 2001, Joe Todesloth made a trip to the drugstore, a pattern that would repeat itself in the coming weeks and months.

"In addition to filling a prescription for cough syrup, Todesloth purchased a bewildering array of toiletries:

tissues, hair gel, a comb — and a package of high-powered breath mints and some toothpaste.

"And not just any toothpaste, but Smile Bright, a brand noted for its super-whitening formula and its legendary appeal to decaying rock stars, Hollywood wannabes and others likely to commit adultery.

"So why did Todesloth feel this sudden need to freshen his breath and brighten his smile? Was there someone new in his life?

"Is it possible he was involved in a high-risk game of hanky-panky that threatened to destroy not only him, but his family, his career and, indeed, everything he stood for?

"We may never know the answer to that question, but we do know that on June 28 — exactly six days after the earlier incident — Smith again entered that drugstore and made a series of purchases that to this day have not been fully explained.

"Todesloth, spending as though he had acquired some new and mysterious source of funds, proceeded to clear out the store, buying everything from shampoo, to glue, to stationery, to light bulbs — even cat food!

"And yes, one more item — the very same brand of Beverly Hills-style breath mints that he had purchased just one week before.

"Had he used all those breath mints himself, or had he been sharing them with his unknown lover?

"Whatever lay behind the purchases, Todesloth carried those secrets to his grave. For as long as he lived, Todesloth offered no explanation for his excessive breath-mint requirements that week of June 22, 2001.

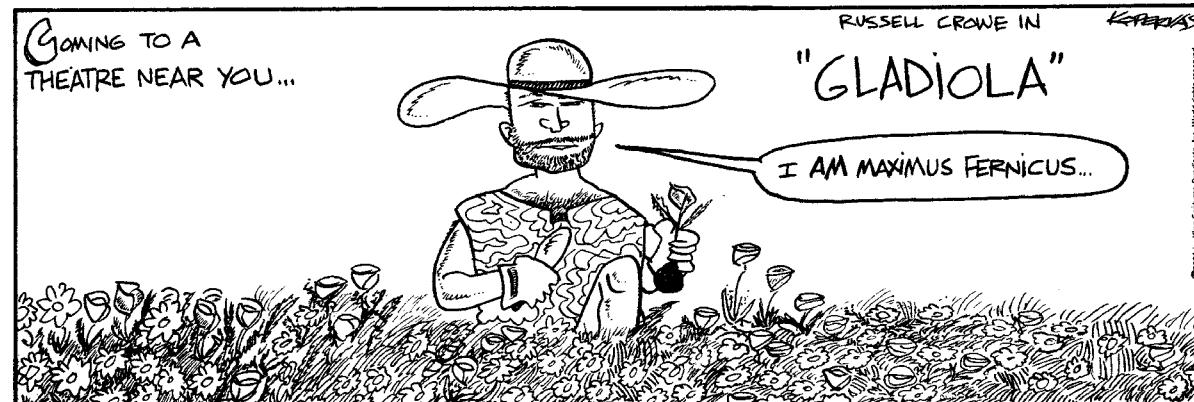
"Nor did he explain his peculiar purchases at the hardware store ..."

Just think, what will they write about you?

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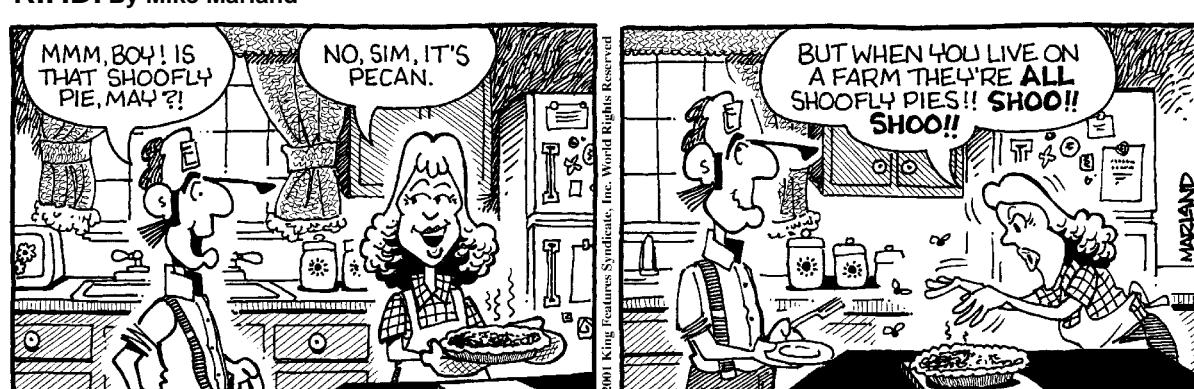
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Sierra Blanca

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project and has found no evidence of contamination.

"If there was ever a case of environmental injustice, Sierra Blanca was it," said Bill Addington, an outspoken critic who also runs a general store in town. Two years ago, Mr. Addington helped fight plans to build a nuclear waste dump in Sierra Blanca, and he considered the closing of the Merco operation a bitter-sweet victory. "This material has polluted a very large area that used to be pristine," Mr. Addington said.

But Tom Gillane, Merco's local operations manager, said all the sludge shipments had been carefully tested to prevent contamination and had met environmental standards under New York law. He dismissed the local stories of three-legged deer as the rural equivalents of urban legends and even said the project had helped the environment.

"We're enhancing the natural grass growth," Mr. Gillane said. He added that two nearby ranches leased parts of the land so that cattle could graze on the grass. "The majority of the people are very proud that this operation is here."

There is an odor, although exactly how bad is a matter of interpretation. "If we get a little rain and then a north breeze, then you can smell it here in town," Ms. Scarbrough said. "It smells like a hog farm."

Wayne West, who once shipped livestock for a living and now runs a local garage, was more charitable. "You're asking somebody who's been in the livestock transportation business all his life," Mr. West said, "so to me it smells like money."

No one in Sierra Blanca had any warning that after so many years and so much controversy, the sludge train would soon make its last stop.

Geoffrey Ryan, spokesman for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, said the decision was based on economics and would save the city about \$3 million a year. He said the city had exercised an option to cancel the Merco contract because New York could not generate enough sludge for all five of the companies that were contracted to handle its sludge. Merco, he said, was tied for the most expensive rate.

"It is simply a case where maintaining the five contracts was costing us \$2 million to \$3 million a year," Mr. Ryan said.

Merco will shut down in Sierra Blanca on Tuesday. Mr. Addington worried that the company could win another contract to store another city's sludge, but Mr. Gillane, the Merco manager, was skeptical.

Mr. Peace, the county judge, said the local school may lose 14 of its 120 students. He went to New York once and found it too big for his liking. But it speaks to the economic desperation of small, rural towns like Sierra Blanca that he would not mind if the sludge train kept coming.

Familiar phrases

"get a leg up"

To get ahead, or to take advantage of help to get ahead. In equestrian events, an attendant puts his or her hands together to form a cup for the rider to step into. The rider steps into the "cup" and is hoisted upwards into position - ready to compete.

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Family Land Heritage honors families that manage to hang onto their property

By Marjorie F. Graham
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — Some El Paso County longtime farm and ranch families may be eligible to enter the 2001 Family Land Heritage Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Recognizing farms and ranches in continuous agricultural operation for 100 years or more by the same family, the program was begun in 1974 and since has honored 3,580 in 219 counties in Texas.

For the first time last year, TDA recognized those in the 150-to-200-year categories, there being nine such operations in the former and three in the latter. Deadline is Nov. 15 for sub-

mitting applications to Melissa Burns, TDA, P.O. Box 1847, Austin, Texas, 78711.

In other County news as the dog days of August approach is the decision of Pat Thomson, president and owner of Western Playland, not to proceed at this time with his proposal to expand the amusement park to include a new super-ride roller coaster built on land which would be donated by the County.

He also was asking for a revised extension of Western Playland's lease, but, contrary to terms of the present contract, he resisted full financial disclosure because the disclosure "would become of public record and could benefit a potential competitor." Commissioners had required a full audit upon which to base their decisions.

In other business, the court approved for FY 2002 a \$560,000 agreement between the hospital district and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for pathology services.

They also authorized an estimated \$136,983 for Thomason General Hospital's replacement of 10 maternal/fetal monitors from Marquette Medical Systems and \$232,901 for 18 cardio-respiratory monitors in the intensive care nursery. Another purchase of \$115,000 for a laser system at the hospital also was approved.

Finally, the contract for construction of Phase 11B of the East Montana EDAP Water Project, in the amount of approximately \$3.5 million, went to Ortega Construction Company, and the project's completion date was extended to Sept. 30, 2002.

The Wynnewood Subdivision, Tract 21A,

Block 51, San Elizario Grant, containing 2.014 acres, was approved.

The contract for drug prevention services between El Paso County, CASA, and La Fe Clinic was terminated and a draft of a new contract authorized.

Commissioners are expected this week to honor 28 international military students in Class 52 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy with Admiral in the El Paso Navy Awards as they similarly recognize Mary L. Moreno for her 32 years of service in the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

A request from State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh that the County Detention Facility be named in memory of the late County Judge Pat O'Rourke will be taken under consideration.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Hot with clouds and sun; it may t-storm later. ▲ 94°	Rather cloudy and warm. ▼ 70°	Clouds and sun; it may t-storm in the afternoon. ▲ 92° ▼ 68°	Some sun; afternoon t-storm possible. ▲ 92° ▼ 68°	Cloudy with a t-storm in spots later. ▲ 94° ▼ 68°	Hot with clouds and sun; a stray t-storm later. ▲ 94° ▼ 64°	Sunny and hot; a stray t-storm in the afternoon. ▲ 94° ▼ 66°	Sunny and hot. ▲ 96° ▼ 68°

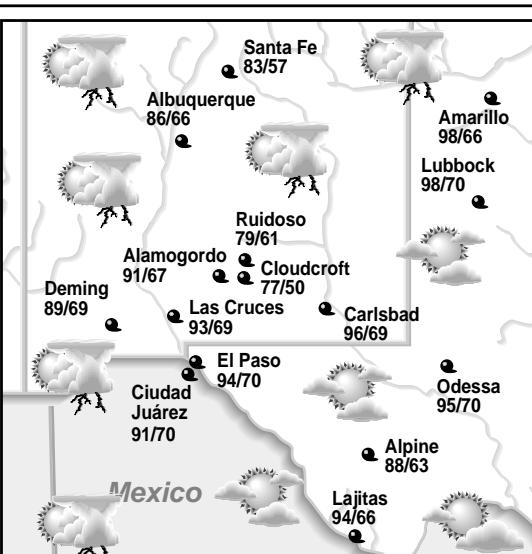
UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.	
Thursday	8
Friday	8
Saturday	6
Sunday	6
Monday	9
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	8

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Thursday	94°
Friday	93°
Saturday	91°
Sunday	93°
Monday	95°
Tuesday	90°
Wednesday	90°

TEXAS WEATHER



Shown is Thursday's weather.
Temperatures are
Thursday's highs and
Thursday night's lows.

AGRICULTURE

Expect seasonable heat for the next couple of days across the area. Each afternoon, a thunderstorm will develop over a few locations. Up to 0.25 of an inch of rain can be expected with any thunderstorm. Most locations will stay dry, however. Relative humidity will fall to about 25 percent in the afternoon. Wind mainly south at 10-20 mph.

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TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	86/66/pc	88/66/pc	88/66/pc	90/64/pc	90/64/pc
Atlanta	90/70/s	90/70/s	92/72/pc	88/72/t	89/67/pc
Atlantic City	84/70/s	86/68/pc	82/66/c	82/64/pc	84/68/s
Austin/San Antonio	100/73/s	100/72/s	100/74/t	94/76/t	93/72/sh
Baltimore	90/68/s	90/70/pc	84/64/c	84/64/pc	84/68/s
Boston	90/68/pc	84/66/c	82/66/pc	80/64/c	82/66/c
Chicago	86/64/pc	84/64/pc	88/68/s	90/70/s	90/72/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	100/78/s	100/78/pc	100/78/pc	98/77/s	97/70/pc
Denver	90/60/pc	90/60/pc	92/60/pc	90/62/pc	88/60/pc
Flagstaff	78/49/pc	75/52/sh	77/51/sh	78/51/c	77/49/c
Houston	96/76/s	96/76/s	94/76/t	94/72/pc	
Kansas City	90/72/c	90/70/t	92/70/s	90/70/s	88/70/pc
Las Vegas	102/79/pc	102/79/pc	102/79/pc	104/81/s	104/79/s
Miami	88/78/t	88/78/r	88/76/r	90/78/sh	90/77/t
Minneapolis	84/64/pc	86/66/s	88/68/pc	86/66/t	84/64/t
New Orleans	89/75/s	92/78/s	92/78/t	92/78/t	90/73/pc
New York City	90/74/s	86/70/pc	82/66/c	82/66/pc	84/68/s
Philadelphia	90/70/s	90/70/pc	82/66/c	82/66/pc	84/68/s
Phoenix	106/84/s	108/86/pc	106/84/pc	106/82/pc	106/82/pc
Portland	74/54/c	72/54/c	72/54/c	74/54/c	78/56/pc
San Francisco	70/54/pc	66/54/pc	64/54/pc	64/56/pc	68/56/pc
Seattle	68/54/c	66/52/c	66/52/pc	70/54/pc	72/54/pc
Tucson	94/74/pc	96/76/pc	94/74/pc	94/76/pc	98/74/pc
Washington, DC	88/72/s	90/72/pc	84/66/sh	84/66/pc	84/70/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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